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For: BRUSHLESS SPINDLE DC MOTOR USED  
AS AN ACTUATOR TO CREATE RADIAL  
FORCE

Art Unit: 2834

Examiner: Burton S. Mullins

Attorney Docket No.: A-63367-1/JAS

**TRANSMITTAL**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed the following documents relating to the subject patent application:

- ☒ Return Postcard;
- ☒ This Transmittal Letter; and,
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment

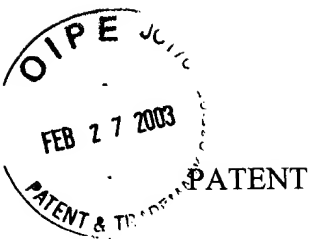
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 21, 2002, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is requested. Claims 2-21 have been renumbered 67-86.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 67-71.

72. (Amended) An apparatus for stabilizing the spin axis of a rotating system comprising a disc drive, said rotating system comprising:

a rotor carrying an inertial load comprising at least one disc and bearing means to support said rotor and said disc about said spin axis, and